

British Council South Africa

A Presentation for the EDHE Executive Leadership Workshop

3 June 2021

Theme: Entrepreneurship at universities

AGENDA

- Brief Introduction to the British Council and our work in South Africa (HE sector)
- The British Council and EDHE partnership
- The Innovation for African Universities (IAU) Project

About British Council



The British Council builds connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and other countries through arts and culture, education and the English language.

We work in two ways – directly with individuals to transform their lives, and with governments and partners to make a bigger difference for the longer term, creating benefit for millions of people all over the world.

We help young people to gain the skills, confidence and connections they are looking for, to realize their potential and to participate in strong and inclusive communities. We support them to learn English, to get a high-quality education and to gain internationally recognized qualifications. Our work in arts and culture stimulates creative expression and exchange and nurtures creative enterprise.

We are on the ground in 19 countries in Sub Saharan Africa and deliver impact across these listed areas and in the last 3 years, also worked in additional 6+ countries working with local institutions and partners on the ground.



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**Our HE and Science
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Our Work in Higher Education

We build partnerships between UK higher education institutions and other countries, and support the exchange and mobility of academics, scholars and students.

We contribute to the development of a global academic community by providing international networks and platforms to discuss higher education and by promoting innovative research. We support policy and practice in the UK and internationally through our market analysis, research and intelligence.

THE SHAPE OF GLOBAL HIGHER EDUCATION: NATIONAL POLICIES FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Emerging themes



— Overview of our HE and Sci programme in South Africa

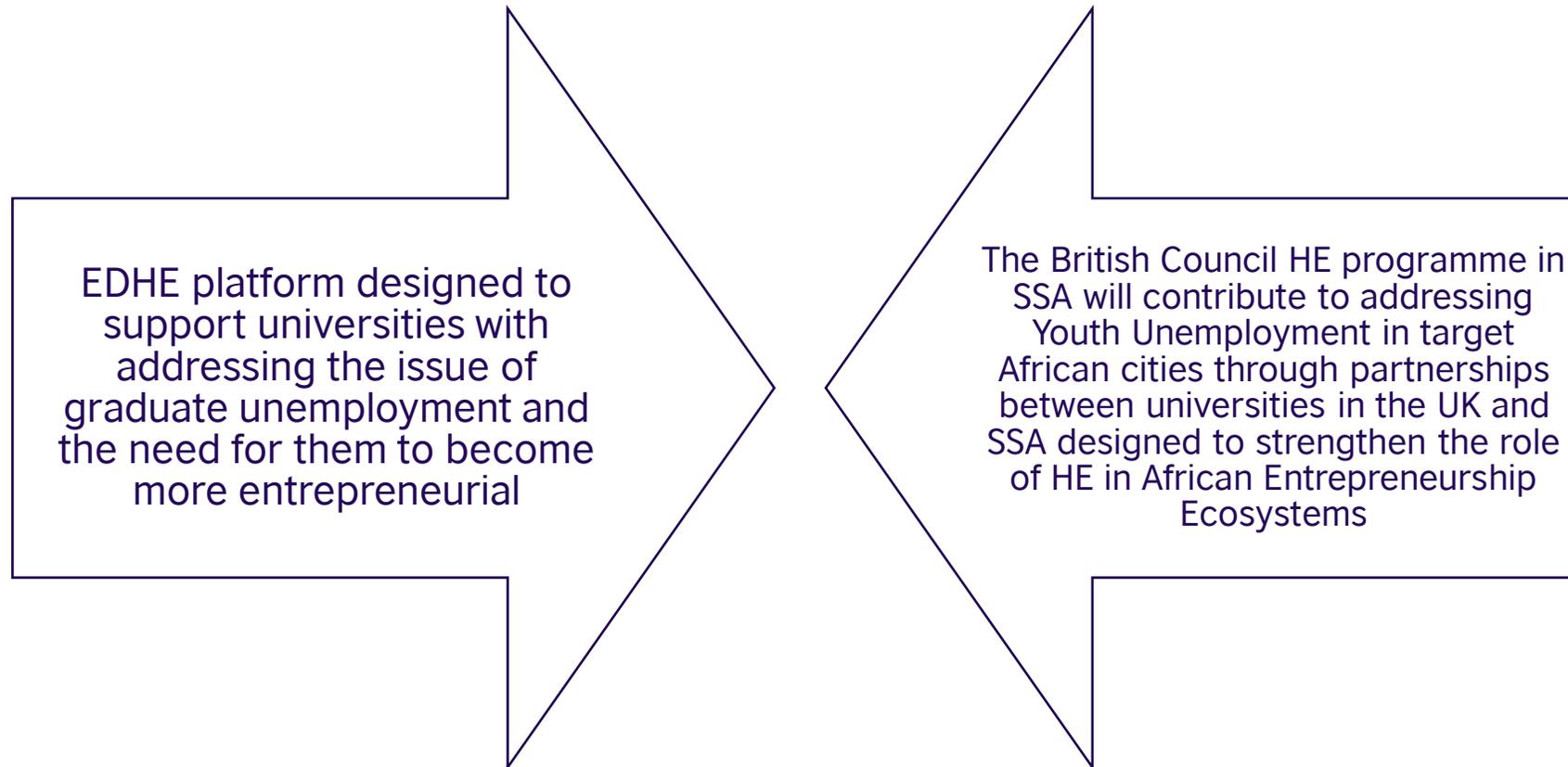
Science

Newton Fund	Research and innovation partnerships that support the economic development and social welfare of developing countries including UK:SA Bilateral Research Chairs, NRF PhD scholarships and Travel Grants for nGAP lecturers
FameLab	In 2021, we will participate in FameLab, a global science communication training programme to find and support the world's most talented science communicators.

Higher Education

Going Global	Annual international conference for leaders in international education to debate the future of further and higher education.
Policy & advocacy	Supporting HE policy reform and internationalization of systems – thematic focus on entrepreneurship
Institutional Partnerships	Focus on capacity building; improving quality in leadership, teaching and learning; internationalization/TNE; support for research in areas key to economic and social development.
Scholarships	Commonwealth Masters and PhD scholarships for South African citizens on behalf of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission.
Study UK: Discover You & Alumni Awards	A global campaign that promotes the UK as a first-choice study destination to international students

Why entrepreneurship within the university sector



Entrepreneurship Development in Higher
Education

USAf and British Council partnership

Phase 1 review



higher education
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BRITISH
COUNCIL

EDHE
ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT
IN HIGHER EDUCATION



UNIVERSITIES
SOUTH AFRICA

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
THE BRITISH COUNCIL AND
UNIVERSITIES' SOUTH AFRICA
UNDER THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP
DEVELOPMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION
(EDHE) PROGRAMME
PHASE 1: 2018-2021

USAf and British Council formed a Partnership focussed on the EDHE programme's Goal no. 3 of supporting the development of entrepreneurial universities.

**2 KEY
PRIORITIES**



1. Research that contributes to knowledge and understanding of the Higher Education landscape
2. Advocacy and Engagement of Higher Education professionals in support of Entrepreneurial Universities.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ENTREPRENEURSHIP ECOSYSTEM BASELINE STUDY OUTCOME

**PROVIDED INSIGHT
AND CLARITY ON
UNIVERSITY
ENTREPRENEURIAL
ACTIVITIES**



**IDENTIFIED
AREAS
FOR
FURTHER
RESEARCH**



**HIGHLIGHTED
BEST PRACTICES**



**ENABLED
INSTITUTIONAL
BENCHMARKING**



**FOSTERED
RELATIONSHIP-
BUILDING AND
PARTNERSHIPS**



**INFORMED
STRATEGIC
PROCESSES
TOWARDS
ENTREPRENEURIAL
UNIVERSITIES**



ADVOCACY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

96% 96%

2018

2019

Participants learnt something new about either their role or their institution

96% 86%

2018

2019

Participants felt the workshop provided valuable engagement opportunities

What was learnt?

- Perception of what an entrepreneurial university is has changed
- Learnt that a systematic approach is needed

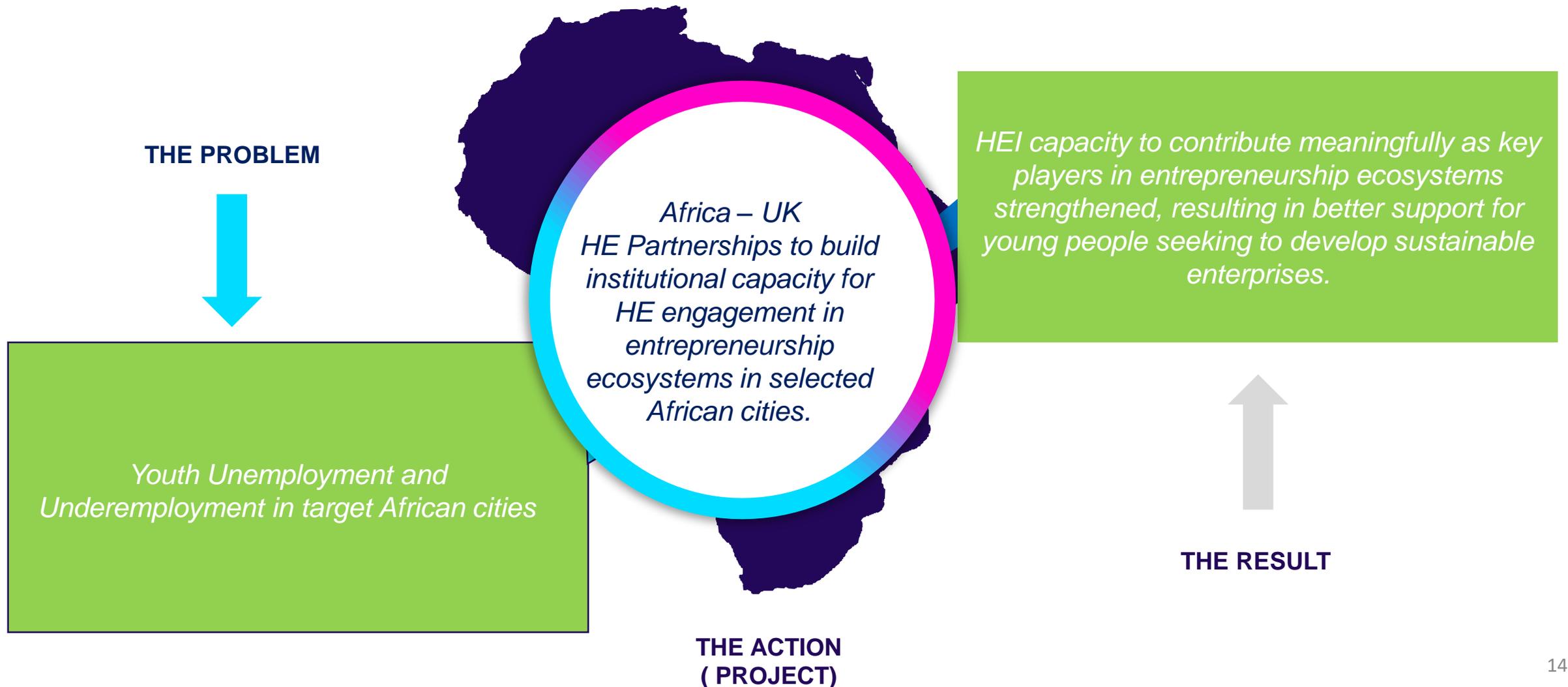
British Council flagship HE programme

Innovation for African Universities

Partnership opportunities for SA universities

New Programme !! Entrepreneurship and innovation capacity building

The Innovation for African Universities (IAU) Project is a platform which facilitates institutional partnerships between UK and African Higher Education (HE) providers to strengthen the role of HE in African Entrepreneurship Ecosystems



QUICK FACTS



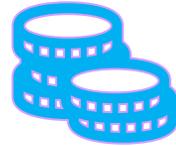
OBJECTIVE

Foster a culture of entrepreneurship and Innovation within Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in SSA



PROGRAMME DURATION

18 months



VALUE

Seven Hundred Thousand GBP. (£700,00.00 +)



SCOPE

20 UK SSA Partnerships

Offered across **4 Higher Education** priority locations within SSA

Proposed Host countries **Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya and South Africa**



TARGET AUDIENCE

Higher Education Institutions in SSA and the UK

Technology Hubs, Entrepreneurship Support Organisations,



FUNDING

- British Council
- Technical Partners
- Institutional Partners

Announcement: IAU Network partners call

- In the next week or so the **IAU network partners** call will be launched
- There will be opportunity for 20 UK HEIs to join with a similar number of HEI partners from **Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria or South Africa** to work together to investigate an issue standing in the way of entrepreneurial growth in SSA.
- As part of that, there will be **15 or more projects** awarded with supporting grants of GBP 50k or more.
- The programme will be officially announced on British Council Websites and Social Media pages
- This is an early warning to identify the relevant people who can apply within universities, as well as **potential UK partners**

Q&A /Next Steps

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